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(Left) David Tanner, RTR player/coach, gets a piece of the ball and fouls it off, in a game against the Pacesetters during intramural softball at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 22. RTR captured a close 8-7 victory. (Right) William Stewart, Pacesetter pitcher, watches his pitch sail toward home plate during a game against RTR.

RTR picks apart Pacesetters, earns 8-7 victory



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Lenwood Hall, Pacesetter's first baseman, swings at a pitch during the first inning of his team's 8-7 loss.

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After a close five innings of play, RTR outlasted the Pacesetters 8-7, during Marine Corps Community Services - South Carolina Intramural Softball action at the Parris Island Sports Complex April 22. Both teams were within a run or two of each other the entire game, as they mirrored each others tough defense and great offense. Each team refused to give an inch, and as the final innings approached, both the pressure and the level of play rose dramatically.

"It was a pretty good game," said Joseph Powers, Pacesetters' shortstop. "We just couldn't get that extra run in the end." Powers said it was not the competition that got the best of them, but the fact that his whole team has played few games together, and has not yet developed solid team chemistry. "A lot of our guys were on recruiting assignments and [temporary assigned duty], but they are all back now," said Powers. "Now we have to just weed out all the bugs and get into a more aggressive mindset. We've been moving players around on the field to find out

where they will play their best game." Although the Pacesetters have a record of 1-5, Powers has confidence that his team will improve its record as the season progresses. "I think we'll have a good game next week," said Powers. "The more we play together, the more games we will start to win." Although they showed up with only eight players, Medical controlled the game from the start. The Henchmen decided to break in a couple of new pitchers, which resulted in several walks, most of Medical's runs. "We definitely underestimated our opponents," said Henchmen left center fielder Anthony Tripp. "In the beginning, we thought it would be an easy win. Seeing they only had eight players, they couldn't cover as much ground as we could, so we could try to hit the gaps. We underestimated their strength and they capitalized on it."

Medical rips Henchmen, 13-1

Intramural Softball action continued April 22 as Medical put the Henchmen on ice, after a 12-1 victory.

The Henchmen, who currently have a record of 1-3, hope to pick up a couple of wins in their next few games. "I think we've got a good squad here and once we all get a feel for the game, we'll do a little better," said Tripp. Henchmen's next game will be against the power-hitting Weapons team, and Tripp initially seemed optimistic about how his team will perform. "We have Weapons coming up next week, which should be a good match," said Tripp. "They're one of the best teams out there, so we're definitely going to play hard and show up with our best game."

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